

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. On February 12, 2007, Applicants filed a response (“the AF Response”) to the Final Office Action mailed that was mailed on October 12, 2006 (“the FOA”). An Advisory Action mailed March 21, 2007 indicated that the amendments of the AF Response would not be entered for the purpose of making the Application allowable but would be entered for the purpose of Appeal. Since Applicants have submitted an RCE removing this Application from Appeal, the amendments to claim 40 submitted in the AF Response are resubmitted herein.

By this amendment, claim 40 is amended to incorporate all elements of claim 59, which depended from claim 40. Claim 40 as amended is consequently allowable because claim 59 included allowable subject matter (see FOA at page 8, section 8). Claim 59 is canceled and claims 60-63, 65 and 67 are amended to depend from claim 40. Claims 71-76 are new. Claim 40 is further amended to correct certain minor grammatical and antecedent issues.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments render moot all rejections and objections asserted in the FOA. Each of claims 41-58, 61-68 and 71-76 ultimately depend from allowable independent claim 40 and are allowable for at least the reasons that claim 40 is allowable.

Applicants remain convinced that, notwithstanding the rejections set forth in the FOA, the previously submitted claims were also allowable. Applicants intend to pursue these broader claims in a continuation application.

The newly added claims are fully supported in the Specification and Drawings and introduce no new matter in the Application.

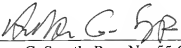
CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections having been addressed, and in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims of the present application are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. The Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if any points remain in issue which may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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